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## Fresno: Clean and Green



The City of Fresno, CA has earned national recognition from the DOE and EPA for instituting progressive measures in making the city "clean and green".

City Mayor, Alan Autry says, "There are external standards in place to ensure compliance. We have an internal set of

goals that more beyond compliance toward commitment – commitment to clean air initiatives and a commitment to being environmental stewards."

The City of Fresno now boasts one of the largest clean fleets in California's Central Valley, containing a total of 362 clean-air vehicles including:

- 54 Compress Natural Gas Transit Buses
- 72 Liquid Natural Gas Refuse Trucks
- 46 Hybrid Cars and Pickups
- 131 Diesel Vehicles retrofitted with emissions control technology
- 1 Class 7 Liquid Natural Gas "Plug-in" Electric Hybrid Truck (first of its kind)

The Municipal Service Center, where much of the fleet is parked, utilizes solar power from the 4,557 solar panels installed on the roof. The solar system is expected to have a 30-year life span and substantially reduce pollutants that would have otherwise been emitted by traditional power sources. The solar panels also help out during peak power hours by producing an increase in energy and lessening the load on local power grids.

Fresno City Council President Henry T. Perea emphasized, "More and more cities across the nation are recognizing their role in protecting the environment. Fresno has demonstrated its leadership in this regard and is pushing a progressive agenda to utilize more and greener technologies. Our efforts over the last several years have placed Fresno on the map of environmental innovation, and we have just begun."

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